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In re Application of:)
Mark PAUSCH *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1647
Application No.: 09/786,056) Examiner: S. Wegert
International Filing Date: September 1, 1999)
For: ENHANCED FUNCTIONAL)
EXPRESSION OF G PROTEIN-)
COUPLED RECEPTORS)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Office action mailed September 9, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration. In light of the concurrently filed petition for a four month extension of time and appropriate fee, this reply is due by Monday, February 10, 2003, and is timely filed.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 13 and 26 as follows:

13. (Twice Amended) A method for screening compounds capable of binding to G protein-coupled receptors, said method comprising (a) subjecting a yeast host cell comprising a constitutively active heterologous G protein-coupled receptor to a test compound; and (b) measuring the effect of the test compound on cell growth.

26. (Twice Amended) A method for screening compounds capable of binding to G protein-coupled receptors, said method comprising (a) subjecting a yeast host cell

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